

YANKES ADVANCING: FACE ATTACK

FRENCH HURL
VAST FORCES
AT FOE; GAIN

Ground Lost to Germans Is
Taken in Terrific Bat-
tle at Verdun.

ASSUME OFFENSIVE

Enemy Thrown Back by New
Move of Defenders—Teu-
tons Hold Thiaumont.

Berlin, June 24, (by wireless to
Saville).—Capture of the arm-
ored fortress of Thiaumont north
of Verdun, further south was an-
nounced today by the war office.
Ground also was gained south of
Verdun. The Germans made 2,600
prisoners.

Paris, June 24, (12:40 a. m.).—The
battle of Verdun continued last night
with the utmost violence on both
sides of the Meuse. The war office an-
nounced today that the French have
regained a large part of the ground
lost northeast of Verdun near Hills 320
and 321.

Undertaking a vigorous offensive, the
French drove back the Germans over
the ground which they won yesterday.
The battle was particularly violent in
the vicinity of Fleury. The French did
not succeed in regaining possession of
Thiaumont work.

More than six German divisions partici-
pated in the offensive actions east
of the Meuse yesterday.

Fighting Is Furious.

Late details show that yesterday's
fighting near Verdun equalled in fury
anything yet experienced. The total
German forces engaged on a two mile
front are estimated at between four
and five divisions. It was only by the
last overwhelming rush when the de-
fenders were worn out and thinned by
many hours of bombardment that the
enemy succeeded in rushing the Thiaumont
work and adjacent advanced
trenches.

The Thiaumont fortification covered
the approaches to Fleury and the
enemy hoped to continue the charge
and sweep away the defenders of the
latter place but the French counted a-
tacked with such vigor that it was able
only to cling to the positions first
gained.

The Germans have captured the
Thiaumont work after three weeks of
effort but the French advanced line
still holds good, possessing the greater
part of Hills 320 and 321. These
fresh strokes are regarded in authori-
tative quarters with perfect calm.

Germans Up to Standard.

Whether true or not that the Ger-
mans have been obliged to withdraw
troops from the western front to send
to Russia, recent attacks in the Ver-
dun cockpit have been well up to the
standard of intensity. They found effec-
tive to deliver a well nourished on-
slaught in the Champagne region. Ex-
pectations raised by the furious 25
hour bombardment on the right bank
of the Meuse was fulfilled. From early
morning until nightfall attack after
attack was launched along the short
front from Thiaumont to Dambloup.

The object is to secure control of the
Vaux ravine without which it is im-
possible for them to force back the
French advanced line and begin an
attack upon the main line of forts be-
tween Souville and Tannieres. The
ravine is closely boxed in by the Cal-
lette woods to the north and the
Chapelle wood to the south and Hill
320, where the French position forms
its root to the west. German attacks
here met with some success but at
heavy cost.

East of the ravine, however, the
enemy made no headway whatever.
Here the French lines which command
the approaches to Souville are under
attack.

SON OF GOVERNOR
DUNNE IS MARRIED

Chicago, June 24.—Richard Dunne,
son of Governor E. F. Dunne of Illi-
nois, and Frances Fitzgerald, daugh-
ter of Henry J. Fitzgerald, were mar-
ried at 10 o'clock this morning in the
church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
The groom is a private in D battery of
the Illinois national guard and left for
the mobilization camp at Springfield
shortly after the ceremony was per-
formed. Governor and Mrs. Dunne
were present at the ceremony.

Reserve Banks to Use New System.

Chicago, June 24.—Bankers in the
reserve cities of the Chicago federal
reserve bank district will be practi-
cally the only ones to use the new
federal check collection system to be
inaugurated throughout the country
July 15, according to James B. Mc-
Dougal, governor of the federal re-
serve bank of Chicago, today. Few
country institutions will participate
in the plan in a direct way. Mr. Mc-
Dougal said this situation was indi-
cated by replies to questions sent to
all member banks a few days ago.

400 Is Death
Toll of Russ
Sea Tragedy

Petrograd, June 24 (via London,
8:15 a. m.).—Four hundred persons
lost their lives, latest reports say,
when the Russian passenger steamer
Mercury was sunk in the Black sea
by a mine. Total number aboard was
approximately 550.

The disaster occurred about 10 a. m.
off the village of Grigorievka. The
passengers felt a tremendous shock
in the forward part of the vessel
which staggered ahead three ship's
lengths and then went down bow fore-
most in five minutes.

Survivors tell harrowing stories of
the scenes that ensued. All available
steamers and tugs hastened from
Odessa and rescued the survivors cling-
ing to life belts and wreckage.

Passengers on the steamer Kniaz-
potenkin, which had just preceded
the Mercury, forcibly prevented her
captain from putting back to give aid.

LATIN-AMERICAS
TO PREVENT WAR

Pan-American Governments Take
Steps to Avert Break Between
United States and Mexico.

San Salvador, Republic of Salva-
dor, June 24.—The foreign office
received today a cablegram from
the government of Ecuador urging
all Latin-American governments to
take common action to avert war
between the United States and
Mexico. The government replied
immediately approving the initia-
tive of Ecuador.

Washington, June 24.—Eusebio Arre-
dondo, the Mexican ambassador-de-
signate here, was notified today that
the government of Ecuador and Salvador
had tendered their good offices to
General Carranza to aid in averting
war between the United States and Mexico.
It is understood the dispatch did not
comment on what Carranza's attitude
would be.

News that some of the South and
Central American republics were pre-
paring to initiate offers of mediation in
the crisis between the United States
and Mexico drew from high officials
here today a strong intimation that
the United States, engaged only in pro-
tecting its people and territory, con-
sidered there was nothing to mediate,
so far as the policy of this government
was concerned.

Although Ecuador and Salvador have
authorized their ministers to confer
with their colleagues on the subject the
state department does not expect any
immediate overtures from the body of
Latin-American diplomats. It is un-
derstood that Ambassador Naon of Ar-
gentina, who came here from New
York yesterday seeking information,
telegraphed his government that nothing
could be done at this time to
ward initiating mediation.

REPORT MEX SPIES
IN AMERICAN CAMP

Columbus, June 24.—Investigation
of reports that Mexican spies have
been in the expeditionary base camp
here recently resulted today in the
discharge of several Mexican em-
ployes of the army quartermaster's
department. They were ordered by
Captain Louis J. Van Schack, chief
of the intelligence department, to
leave Columbus immediately.

A motor truck train, a mile long,
carrying 30,000 pounds of military
necessities, left here today for Gen-
eral Pershing's base. Reports from
the field indicate Pershing is draw-
ing his command into a shorter and
more compact line.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR
AGAINST ANNEXATION

London, June 24.—An Amsterdam
dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph
company says the German chancellor,
Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, has pub-
lished an authorized statement in the
semi-official North German Gazette
that he endorses the speech delivered
at Breslau June 20 by Philip Scheide-
mann, a socialist member of the reich-
stag, in which Scheideemann asserted
that the chancellor was opposed to
the annexation of Belgium and to other
far-reaching plans for pan-German
expansion.

THE WAR TODAY

The Germans reached Fleury,
three and one-half miles of Verdun
yesterday but Paris reports that
the French drove them back after a
violent counter attack. The
French admit, however, that the
Germans gained another step in
their progress toward Verdun by
capturing positions northeast of
the fortress, after stubborn night-
ing.

The Russian advance into Buko-
wina continues, but further north
the Germans under General von
Linsingen are pressing them back
over a front of 50 miles, according
to Berlin. From Kolki on the Sty-
ria, almost to the Galician fron-
tier, the fighting is described as in-
tense and Berlin asserts that Rus-
sian losses have been enormous.
In Mesopotamia, the Turks claim
to have checked the Russian ad-
vance and driven them out of
Paltak pass, on the Persian fron-
tier through which they attempted
to enter Mesopotamia.

On the Austro-Italian front the
situation is comparatively quiet.

MEXICO CASE
AT BREAKING
POINT, CLAIM

Relations Between United
States and De Facto Gov-
ernment Very Grave.

OFFICIALS CONFER

Secretaries Baker and Lans-
ing in Secret Meeting at
White House.

Washington, June 24.—Relations
between the United States and
the de facto government of Mex-
ico are close to the breaking point
today as a result of the appar-
ently well founded belief that Amer-
ican cavalrymen were deliberately
massacred Wednesday at Carrizal
by Carranza soldiers.

Secretaries Lansing and Baker con-
ferred early today at the White house
with President Wilson. It is known
that the possibility of drastic retali-
atory action against the Mexican forces
in Chihuahua was given grave consid-
eration. If the Carranza government
accepts responsibility for the attack
at Carrizal, it is considered virtually
certain by officials that occupation of
most of northern Mexico will be ordered
by President Wilson, to take place
as rapidly as the necessary military
forces can be placed at the disposal
of General Funston.

Action must await further reports
from General Pershing. His mes-
sage last night indicating that only
seven men of the two troops of cav-
alry had survived in addition to those
taken prisoner, had not been suppli-
mented at an early hour.

To Demand Repudiation.
It is believed the first act of the
Washington government, when fuller
information is at hand, will be to de-
mand repudiation of the Carrizal at-
tack by the Carranza government.
Preliminary reports have convinced
officials here that the American troops
were deliberately led into a trap. The
only question remaining to be settled
is whether the Carranza government
ordered the attack or it was the work
of a subordinate officer.

In the latter event, unqualified re-
pudiation of his act and immediate
surrender of prisoners probably will
be demanded. General Gomez, Car-
ranza commander at Carrizal, was
killed in action, according to Mexican
reports. So if he gave orders to open
fire he has already paid the penalty
for his act.

Funston Sends in Report.

General Funston reported to the war
department late today that 11 surviv-
ors of the Carrizal fight had returned
to General Pershing's line. Sixteen
were reported to have been picked up
by the cavalry relief column and 17
to have been captured by the Mexicans,
leaving unaccounted for 40 of the 84
officers and men under Captain Boyd.

A dispatch from General Pershing
transmitted by General Funston said
none of the rescued troopers knows
what had been the fate of their com-
mander and that their stories were so
vague it was impossible to get a clear
idea of what had happened. The mes-
sage referred to several troopers re-
turning "by another route," but offi-
cials thought it meant some of the 14
picked up by the relief column.

MOBILIZATION OF
GUARD COMPLETE

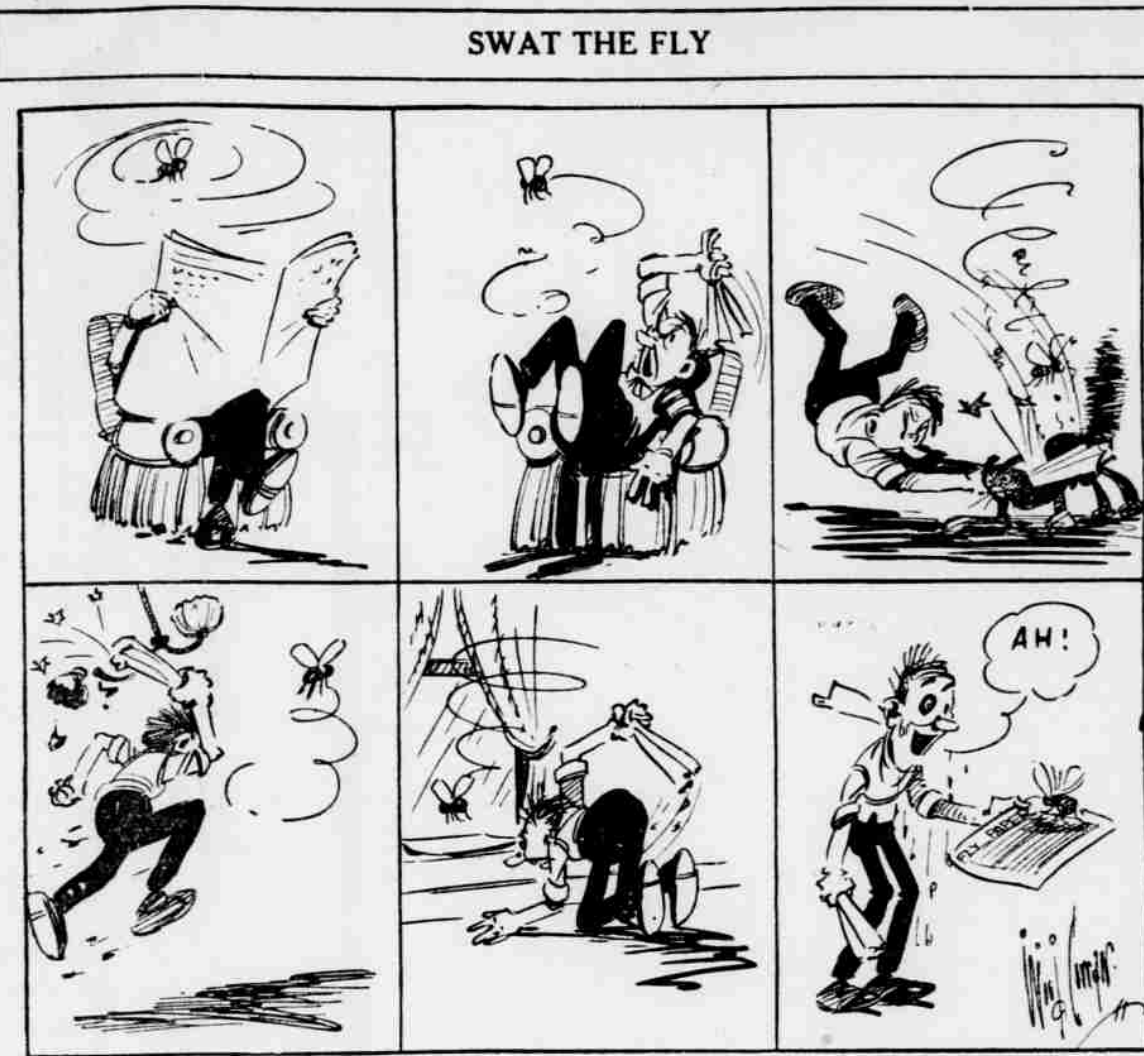
Springfield, Ill., June 24.—The
mobilization of the Illinois national
guard was rapidly nearing completion
today, troop trains from Chicago and
down state points arriving almost
every hour. The Eighth regiment
(colored) from Chicago arrived on
two sections of a special train at 7
o'clock.

Company M of the Fourth Infantry
from Champaign and Company L of
the Third Infantry from Kankakee
came in a few hours later. The trains
were run direct to Camp Dunne where
the infantry is being mobilized.

Tents were put up at the camp to-
day for Governor Dunne. The Gov-
ernor is in Chicago to attend the wed-
ding of his son who also is a member
of the national guard.

Under the direction of Lieutenant
Colonel E. M. Lewis of the United
States army, assigned to the Illinois
national guard as inspector instructor,
the preliminaries to mustering the
state troops into the federal service
were begun today both at Camp Dunne
and at Camp Lincoln where the cav-
alry, artillery, engineers and signal
corps are quartered.

Colonel Milton J. Foreman of the
First cavalry expected the arrival
here from Chicago today of about 250
new recruits who will be used to re-
place those now at Camp Lincoln who
may be eliminated through the medical
examination preceding the mustering
of state troops into the federal service.
Nearly all the men recruited in Chi-
cago during the last few days, Col-
onel Foreman said, are skilled artiz-
ans who will be highly prized by the
cavalry troops.

VILLAGE SWEEP
BY FIRE; FIVE DIE

Sleeping People on Hotels Are Burned
to Death at Needles, Cal., When
Blaze Destroys Town.

Needles, Cal., June 24.—Fire swept
the desert town of Needles early today,
destroying the entire business section
and causing the death of at least five
persons who were trapped while sleep-
ing in two hotels which were destroyed.
Several others were injured, escaping
from the blazing structures. The loss
was estimated at \$175,000.

Fifteen business houses and four
residences were destroyed. The fire
started from an unknown cause an
hour after midnight and spread rapidly
among the wooden buildings. It was
not under control until after daylight.
Several heroic rescues were made.

TROOP MOVEMENT
STARTED IN IOWA

Actual Mobilization of National Guard
Begins at Camp Dodge, Near
Des Moines.

Des Moines, Iowa, June 24.—Actual
mobilization of the Iowa National
Guard began today at Camp Dodge,
near here, selected as the concentra-
tion camp for the Iowa troops order-
ed out by President Wilson for possi-
ble service on the Mexican border.
Special trains brought to Des Moines
today the entire First Infantry, while
the Second Infantry was due to arrive
Monday and the Third Infantry, part
of which already is in camp, will aug-
ment its forces tomorrow.

By Tuesday night Brigadier General
Allen, commander, said today the
forces should be mustered in as United
States volunteers and ready for ser-
vice in the field whenever the call
comes. No word had been received
from the war department today indi-
cating when the order for the troops
to move might arrive.

On arriving here the troops detrain-
ed and were transferred to an inter-
urban line which ran directly to the
camp. Their equipment, in most cases,
went forward from the home armories
yesterday and is due at Camp Dodge
this afternoon.

HUGHES TO CONFER
WITH REPUB CHIEFS

New York, June 24.—Charles E.
Hughes, republican nominee for pres-
ident, planned today to confer with
Governor Whitman of New York and
Senator Warren G. Harding, who was
chairman of the republican conven-
tion.

Late this afternoon Mr. Hughes will
leave for Bridgehampton, N. Y., to join
his family at the summer cottage he
has leased.

Give Up Machine Gun Idea.

Chicago, June 24.—Chicago business
men who raised \$25,000 for the pur-
chase of 20 machine guns for the use
of the Illinois National Guard have
abandoned the plan. It was said that
European countries controlled practi-
cally the entire output of American
machine gun factories.

AWAITING RESULT
OF MURDER PROBE

Investigation Into Death of Judge,
Sheriff and Lawyer Attracts Peo-
ple of Alabama.

Huntsville, Ala., June 24.—Madison
county citizens awaited with interest
today the promised report of a special
grand jury investigation of conditions
here which led to the murder of Judge
W. T. Lawler and the suicide of Sher-
iff Robert Phillips and Shelby S. Ples-
ants, a constitutional lawyer, widely
known in Alabama.

The body of Lawler, who had been
shot, was found weighted down in a
creek near here June 17, shortly after
a hotly contested primary in which
prohibition championed by Lawler was
one of the chief issues. Warrants im-
mediately were issued for the arrest
of D. D. Overton, Lawler's unsuccess-
ful opponent for the probate judgeship
and for Charles M. Nalls, who with
Sheriff Phillips had been among Over-
ton's political supporters. Nalls sur-
rendered several days later and was
taken to Birmingham for safe keeping,
two companies of militia meanwhile
being sent here as a precautionary
measure. Overton still is at large.

In a note found on the sheriff's body,
when he shot himself was the state-
ment that he believed he was suspect-
ed of the Lawler murder and asserting
his innocence. Plesants, who shot
himself Wednesday also left a note
saying suspicion in connection with
the murder caused his act.

FOUR KILLED AT
BOTTOM OF SHAFT

Men Working in Underground Com-
pressed Air Tube Are Buried By
Explosion—One Injured.

Boston, June 24.—Four laborers
were killed today at the bottom of an
85-foot shaft by an explosion of com-
pressed air which released bricks, wa-
ter and sand upon them. Another
workman, operating a hoist at the top
of the shaft, was blown up through the
air and caught on the derrick hook.
He was severely injured. The men
killed were alone in the shaft. The ex-
plosion broke through the 16-inch
masonry wall erected about the bore
and the waters of the channel rushed
through to drown the men.

Police said a structural flaw prob-
ably caused the accident.

GRAFT 288 INCHES OF
SKIN ON GIRL'S BACK

New York, June 24.—Surgeons of the
Methodist Episcopal hospital in
Brooklyn have completed successfully
the grafting of 288 square inches of
skin on the back of Pearl Guerin, 10
years old, after a series of operations
continuing for more than two years.
In rescuing her smaller sister from a
bon fire Pearl's dress caught fire and
her back was so blistered that virtu-
ally all the skin had to be replaced.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity

Fair tonight and Sunday; not much
change in temperature.
Temperature at 7 a. m., 64. Highest
yesterday, 79. Lowest last night, 60.
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 7 miles
per hour.

Precipitation, none.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 78; at
7 a. m., 68; at 1 p. m. today, 52.
State of water, 10.4; a fall of .3 in
last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

BRITISH STEAMER
IN GERMAN HANDS

English Liner Brussels With Passen-
gers Aboard Is Captured by
Teuton Destroyers.

London, June 24.—The British steam-
ship Brussels, with passengers on
board has been captured by German
destroyers and taken into Zeebrugge.
It is stated there were no Americans
on the Brussels.

Announcement of the capture of the
Brussels, which belongs to the Great
Eastern Railway company, was made
today by officials of the line here. The
vessel was on her way from Rotterdam
to Tilbury with passengers and mails.
She was captured yesterday.

The Brussels is a 285-foot vessel, 1,
350 tons gross and was built in 1902.
Tilbury is on the Thames on the
outskirts of London. The route from
Rotterdam to Tilbury lies across the
southern end of the North sea on a line
which passes about 40 miles north of
Zeebrugge. The German destroyers
probably set forth from Zeebrugge.

REFUSE TO TAKE
CASE FROM JURY

Waukegan, Ill., June 24.—The de-
fense in the case of Will H. Orpet,
charged with the murder of Marion
Lambert, was overruled by Judge Don-
nelly today when it asked that the case
be taken from the jury and the de-
fendant discharged.

Court adjourned until Monday when
Attorney Wilkerson will make the
opening statement for the defense.

Hope for Amicable Settlement.

Rio Janeiro, June 24.—The presi-
dent of Brazil today sent a cablegram
to Domicio Da Gama, Brazilian am-
bassador at Washington expressing
hope that the United States-Mexican
controversy would be settled amicably.

Latest Bulletins

London, June 24.—A wireless
dispatch from Rome says that
Pope Benedict has appealed to
President Wilson and General Car-
ranza to use their earnest endeav-
ors to avert war.

Washington, June 24.—Represen-
tatives of the entente allies
have signified to the United States
government their willingness to
subordinate their munitions con-
tracts in this country to the needs
of the United States in the present
emergency.

Washington, June 24.—Customs
officials along the Mexican border
have been ordered to hold up
freight shipments into Mexico and
to advise the railroads to keep
their rolling stock on the Ameri-
can side of the line.

Paris, June 24, (11 a. m.).—Cor-
poral Victor Chapman of New
York, a member of the Franco-
American flying corps, was killed
yesterday at Verdun, after bring-
ing down three German aero-
planes.

Petrograd, June 24, (via Lon-
don, 7:10 p. m.).—The capture of
the Russians of the town of Kuty
in Galicia across the Bukovina
border at the foot of the Car-
pathian mountains was announced
today by the war department.

REPORT SAYS
GEN. TREVINO
ORDERS HALT

Mexican Commander Sends
Army Forward to Engage
American Forces.

CAVALRYMEN JAILED

Captured Members of the
Tenth Cavalry Thrown
in Chihuahua Prison.

Chihuahua City, Mex.,
June 24.—American columns
have been seen advancing
from the American field base
in the direction of San An-
tonio and Ojo Caliente, and
General Jacinto Trevino has
issued orders to attack them
if they do not immediately
retreat.

The Mexican commander said to-
day that it seemed probable, inas-
much as General Pershing seemed
ignorant of the fate of the Boyd
column, that outside of five addi-
tional prisoners now being brought
here, the Americans were annihi-
lated, although it was possible
more had escaped.

General Pershing has wired here
for the names of the dead and the
prisoners.

It was officially announced to-
day that none of the prisoners
brought here will be hanged that
"not being the custom in a civil-
ized country."

The 17 American negroes cap-
tured in the Carrizal battle have
been placed in the penitentiary
here. There have been no arrange-
ments made for removing them to
Juarez to be surrendered to the
American authorities.

Lem Spillsbury, the Mormon scout,
captured at Carrizal, also is in prison.
The prisoners were assaulted by Mex-
ican civilians as they were being trans-
ferred from the train to the peniten-
tiary but were landed safely behind the
walls of the building, and according to
the authorities, are being well treated.

The troopers brought here are Pri-
vates Page, Peterson, N. Lloyd, W.
Ward, Jones, Socks, Marshall, Oliver,
M. Donald, Williams, Givens, Stone,
Harris, Lee and Graham of Troop H
and Hove and Alexander of Troop C.

Do Not Know Who Opened Fire.

According to a statement said to have
been signed by Spillsbury, which was
made public today by General Trevino,
neither he nor the negroes knew which
side began the firing.

Spillsbury's statement says that
Troop C was first to advance against
the Mexicans. It adds that practically
all the Americans who lost their lives
were killed when they advanced to a
deep ditch in which Mexicans were
stationed and when other Mexicans,
getting around to a deep ditch in their
rear, attacked them from the flank.

General Trevino said the Americans
would get the same treatment that they
received at Carrizal as he is deter-
mined to carry out his orders to the
letter.

In this, he said, he had all his sub-
ordinates with him and they will stick
with him in case of a rupture.

Puts Blame on Boyd.

In his statement Spillsbury says he
never dreamed when he left Casas
Grandes in company with Captain
Boyd that there would be any trou-
ble, feeling confident that previous
friendly relations would continue.

Captain Morey and his men joined
them enroute, and the statement
quotes Spillsbury as saying, during
the conference with General Gomez,
he was opposed to Captain Boyd's
"obstinacy," arguing that it would be
best to retire until General Trevino
at Chihuahua had passed on their re-
quest to Gomez to be allowed to pass.
Gomez explained, it is said, that an
answer would come in three hours.

The statement recounts a supposed
opinion by Spillsbury that Captain
Boyd was imbued with the idea that
an action would bring him quick pro-
motion, and also that the Mexicans
would back down on a show of force.
It credits the scout with having ar-
gued with Lieutenant Adair on the eve-
ning before against moving into the
Carrizal territory in search of band-
its and also says he admits having
importuned Captain Boyd at least to
try to get around by some other road.
It then gives Spillsbury's story as
follows:

"The troops were about 200 yards
apart during the conference. Cap-
tains Boyd and Morey and I advanced
half way to meet General Gomez. It
was 20 minutes after we had returned
to our respective lines and Boyd had
given numerous orders to his men and
those of Captain Morey, who were
stationed some distance away, in line,
before Boyd gave the order to ad-
vance."

"The opposing sides were within
150 yards of each other when the fir-
ing began."

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